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CALENDAR of EVENTS

April, 1969

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| 1-30 | Washington Crossing — Narration and Famous Painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware," Daily 9 to 5 p.m. Memorial Building, at 1/2 hr. intervals. |
| 1-30 | Washington Crossing — Thompson-Neely House furnished with pre-Revolutionary pieces, Route 32, Washington Crossing State Park. Open weekdays 10 to 5 p.m., Sundays and Holidays 1 to 5 p.m. |
| 1-30 | Morrisville — Pennsbury Manor, re-created Country Estate of William Penn. Original Manor House built in 1683. Open daily 9 to 4:30, Sun. 1 to 4:30. Admission 50 cents. |
| 1-30 | Fallsington — Burges-Lippincott House, 18th Century Architecture. Open to public Wed. through Sun. incl. Hol. 1 to 5 p.m. |
| 1-30 | Bristol — The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum, 610 Radcliffe St. Victorian Decor. Tues., Thurs. and Sat., 1 to 3 p.m. Other times by appt. |
| 1-30 | Pineville — Wilmar Lapidary Art. Museum. Country's largest private collection of hand-carved semi-precious stones. Open to public Tues. thru Sat. 10 to 5, Sun. 1 to 5. Admission 50 cents. |
| 1-30 | Doylesburg — Mercer Museum, Pine and Ashland Sts., Sun. 1 to 5 p.m. Tues. thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library of the Society — Tues. thru Fri. 10 to 5. Children under 12, 50 cents., and Adults \$1. |
| 1-30 | New Hope — Mule-drawn barge rides, daily except Mon. 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:30 and 6 p.m. |
| 1-30 | Telford — Lockwood Galleries, 345 Church Road, paintings, sculpture, pottery and weaving. Evenings 6 to 10 p.m. Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. |
| 1-30 | Churchville — Nature Education Center. Daily 9 to 5. Sun. 2 to 5 p.m. Family Nature Programs Sun. 2 p.m. |
| 1-17 | Warminster — Fischer & Porter Co., County Line Rd. Art Exhibit, Old York Road Art Guild. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. |
| 1-3 | New Hope — 6th Annual Arts Festival, Solebury School, Route 202. |
| 1,22 | Washington Crossing — Identification of Spring Flowers Series A, Sessions 1 and 2. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Headquarters. 10 to 12 noon. |
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19,20,26,27 | Washington Crossing — Nature Education Center, Route 32, Sat. and Sun. Children's Programs 2 p.m. |
| 4-20 | Yardley — Spring Art Show, Yardley Art Assn. at Yardley Community Center. April 4, 3 to 5 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. Other days 1:30 to 5 p.m., Thurs. and Fri. Evenings 7 to 9 p.m. |

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FOR KING AND COUNTRY: 1775 - 1783

by H. Winthrop Blackburn

Up until that fateful day in April 1775 when the Minutemen faced the Redcoats at Lexington and Concord, very few people could even envision an independent existence for the American colonies. True enough, a few demagogic radicals in Massachusetts and Virginia had been agitating for independence for years. The great mass of the people, however, felt that, regardless of grievances, America's future lay in continued association with Great Britain. During the first year of hostilities, harsh military realities and the complete insensitivity of both King George III and his ministers won many converts for the Massachusetts and Virginia secessionists and the spirit of independence spread through the colonies to the point where, on July 2, 1776, representatives of the colonies assembled in Philadelphia voted to sever connections with the mother country. This was no proof that the spirit of independence was universal; Pennsylvania's delegation was instructed to vote for independence only after what could best be described as a coup d'état. The result was that the province received a new constitution and the Assembly was reapportioned to provide full representation to the frontier northern and western counties where the spirit of independence was the greatest.

The colonists who favored continuing association with Great Britain were tagged with the name of the British party in power, Tory, while the patriots referred to themselves as Whigs, after the British minority party that had generally been sympathetic to the problems of the American colonists. The Whig's hatred of the British was in no manner as deep as his hatred of that viper in his bosom, the Tory. The Tory, on the other hand, felt that the

Whig, was, at best, a traitor to King and Country, and should be dealt with accordingly. Such intensity of feelings could not help but lead to tensions between the two groups. Everyone has heard of Bunker Hill, Brandywine, and Yorktown, but the story of the civil war that raged between 1775 and 1783 is largely untold. The exodus of the Tories, more accurately called Loyalists, from America was so complete (some estimates run as high as 100,000), that in one generation, Loyalist participation in the war had been forgotten and it was not until the early 20th century that historians began to assemble the story of the first American Civil War. The story is still not complete; its pieces are spread throughout England, Canada, and the West Indies, the final homes of the Loyalist refugees.

Only in one other part of the colonies, Monmouth County, New Jersey, was the polarization as complete and the hatred as deep as between Whig and Tory in Bucks. The Loyalist problem was described by George Washington thus: "The insolence of the disaffected in Philadelphia and Bucks Counties has risen to every alarming Height." General John Lacey, commanding the militia charged with preventing communication between the Bucks County Loyalists and the British in Philadelphia described the situation in these terms: "A sullen vindictive and malignant spirit seems to have taken hold of a large portion of the People in this County, whose hostility to the Revolution was too apparent not to be noticed, and seemed only wanting a good opportunity to brake forth openly in favor of England, and against their own Country." The area between the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers

for a distance of 15 miles from the city was under martial law, and at one time Lacey went so far as to recommend depopulation of the entire area. In any event Lacey and his men, never numbering more than 100, had their hands full. History does not state whether Lacey ever knew the composition of the force that attacked him at Crooked Billet. His bitter memories of the morning of May 1, 1778 would not be sweetened by the knowledge that his attackers included the Bucks County Volunteers, commanded by Capt. Evan Thomas of Hilltown, and the Philadelphia Light Dragoons, commanded by Capt. Richard Hovenden of Newtown, who were completing a mission planned by Joseph Galloway of Bensalem.

Who were the Loyalists of Bucks County? The exact number is not known and there are few names of known Loyalists available. It is known, however, that of 453 Pennsylvanians who were declared traitors and whose properties were seized under bill of attainder, 78 were Bucks Countians. This number is not conclusive since it represents only those who held property worth seizing. If one defines a Loyalist as anyone who, for any reason, opposed the war the Loyalist proportion of the population of Bucks would probably approach 50 percent. A drive in the central part of the county to recruit Associated Companies for local defense found 1688 eligibles who were willing to serve and 1613 who refused. Many of those who refused to serve were Quakers or Mennonites who, in addition, refused to pay any penalties in lieu of service. The fact that their refusals were made on religious grounds made no difference to some of their zealous neighbors; there being many instances of Quakers and Mennonites being dragged to the drill ground and forced to march with a gun tied to their hands.

Many factors separated the Whig from the Tory. The revolution was in a sense, a class war. The large landowners and merchants were interested in preserving the status quo while the poor and discontented had everything to gain from change. Among some of the gentry the anti-democratic feeling was strong and while they may have winced under taxes and trade restrictions, they would much prefer to be governed by intelligent gentlemen, like themselves, than let "dirty democrats" participate in the governing process.

Many people could not think of themselves in terms of anything but loyal Englishmen, and as much as they might deplore their King's policies, they could not easily cast themselves in the role of traitor to King and Country. The Germans and Scots-Irish, not being English, didn't have this problem. The Scots-Irish, in fact, were so fervid in their patriotism that Thomas Smith, an Upper Makefield Quaker, upon being questioned about his lack of enthusiasm for the patriot cause stated ". . . the whole thing was nothing but a scheme of a parcel of hot-headed Presbyterians" and that ". . . the devil was at the bottom of the whole." The Scots-Irish Presbyterians and Welsh Baptists both found a religious haven in tolerant Pennsylvania and, aside from any political motives, feared the

Established Church more than they feared the King.

At the beginning of the war many Bucks Countians (principally on religious grounds,) could best be described as neutralists. Quakers and Mennonites, in the face of the threat of virtual excommunication, could not support either side in the war. The pressure on these people, particularly from the Presbyterians and Baptists, to declare themselves to be firm supporters of the Patriot cause, was tremendous. The organization of Committees of Observation, whose members were to detect traitorous remarks and sentiments among their neighbors, was followed by the establishment of test oaths designed to force an expression of sentiment from those suspected of Loyalist sympathies. The penalties for failure to make the right declaration in a test oath included a general foreclosure of civil rights and restrictions on the practice of one's business or profession. The ever-present threat of tar and feathers also helped convince many neutralists that their peace of mind might best be served by a recantation of questionable statements made in the past and, at least publicly, living the life of a dyed-in-the-wool patriot.

Evan Thomas of Hilltown, Commanding Officer of the Bucks County Volunteers, was a classic Tory. His family, not related to other Thomases of Hilltown, were large landowners and slaveholders. The family's estates were centered about Reiff's Corner, presently the intersection of Route 309 and Fairhill Road. Following the Battle of Brandywine, during the British occupation of Philadelphia, Evan and his brother William joined Howe in Philadelphia. Both were commissioned and Evan organized the Bucks County Volunteers from the ranks of other Loyalist refugees. Throughout the British occupation the Volunteers participated in frequent raids on the countryside surrounding Philadelphia. They were a part of the Queen's Rangers, largely Loyalist in composition, commanded by Colonel John Simcoe. After the British evacuation they moved South and served in many Southern campaigns; at one time being under the overall command of General Benedict Arnold wearing his newly acquired red coat. While officially surrendering with Cornwallis at Yorktown, in 1781, Evan Thomas and the Volunteers mysteriously appeared in New Jersey in 1782, participating in an action at Tom's River.

Shortly after the Declaration of Independence, a great number of public Loyalists fled Bucks County for New York which remained under British occupation for the duration of the war. Those remaining were the neutralists and secret Loyalists whose true sympathies were hidden; perhaps surfacing at a more opportune time, as in the case of Evan Thomas. The plight of the neutralist was typified by the case of Thomas Watson of Centerville (Buckingham), a Quaker farmer whose lands adjoined Bogart's Tavern, now the General Greene Inn. The growing season had been poor and hay was in good supply.



THE MOUSE THAT ALMOST GOT AWAY

by Patricia M. Wildman

That the house belonged to the mice was evident; their droppings littered every room. They pelleted the mantels, they nodded the windowsills, they criss-crossed the floors forming Hansel and Gretel trails to the clothes closets, to the kitchen cupboards, to the stove and on it. Of course we swept this mess up before we settled in. The mice moved over but they didn't move out.

They must have called a pow-wow that first night, a drumming of the tribes from the four corners of the studing. We heard them but slept, too exhausted to care. Not so, our siblings. Down from above came our second son, shaking me by the uppermost shoulder, announcing, "Mom, Fred says the house is haunted."

"Nonsense!" I mumbled. "Go back to bed."

"But it is! I hear noises upstairs."

"That's just the mice in the walls."

"I'm afraid of mice. I don't want to sleep in the third floor."

"Climb in with your Father," I conceded. "I'll speak to your brother AND the mice tomorrow."

"I can hear them here, too."

"Go to sleep!"

Oblivion again, but short lived as someone edged under the covers beside me.

"Mommy, I'm afraid to stay alone," our small daughter whimpered. "I hear scratching in my room. What's Chip doing in Dad's bed?"

"That's only mice, you sissy!" Chip informed her. "Pipe Down!"

The slaughter began in the morning. We purchased a dozen traps and set them in strategic spots. We caught, emptied and reset, caught emptied and reset. Our bag was so great that had we been hunters our quarry would have exceeded the season's limit. The kids devised a lottery, gambling the accuracy of their bets against the day's take, losers getting winner's chores. But the carnage, however commendable, eventually disgusted me and simultaneously the casualty list declined.

Not that we finished them off completely. There was

the sorry time they found the Easter egg Fred had hidden from his younger kin; and then the occasion of my screaming hysterics, "merely because," as my husband recounted it, a mouse jumped out of the loaf of bread as I brought it down from on top of the refrigerator; or the discovery that the insulation was disappearing from the stove. So aside from a few such aberrations we weren't too harassed by mice.

Then one day we noticed a peculiar odor in the dining room. The next day it worsened and by the third day the kids threw refined verbalization to the winds by declaring as they held their respective noses, "Something stinks in here!", which indeed it did, and which precluded our having anymore meals there.

What it was or where concealed became a family project undertaken in brief relays, until finally someone spotted the dead mouse between the dining room ceiling and the floor of the bathroom above it. This bathroom was located along the back enclosed stairway, and in one wall of the stairway a small aperture gave access to the fixtures beneath the tub. Eight feet back in a welter of plumbing and heating pipes lay the malodorous culprit.

My husband of the faulty olfactory equipment proclaimed, "The smell will die down."

We replied, "We can't stand it!"

"You'll have to, or tear down the dining room ceiling."

"Not that!" I exploded. "That ceiling's been there for two hundred years. We'll rip up the bathroom floor."

Then he, with his tone that warns the matter is closed responded, "I just put that tile floor down. It stays."

The following day when Fred returned from school he complained, "Mom, I'm ashamed to bring any kids home because of the stench. We'll have to get rid of that mouse!" I weighed the matter momentarily — mouse, kids, house full of kids, dead mouse. The kids won out.

So we huddled for a strategy session. Obviously even the skinniest of boys couldn't wedge himself in between the ceiling and the floor even without the pipe fretwork,

nor would a broom or mop begin to reach the body. But we remembered a long bamboo pole in the garage. Expectantly Fred maneuvered it to the stairway—and stopped; the pole was too long and the stairway too narrow. It couldn't be right-angled into the pipe closet no matter how we tried. We could push the vacuum hose through, but far, far short of the cadaver so that all we retrieved was gravel and a thousand spiders, co-occupants with the mice. Gloom engulfed us until—of course, the cat!

The cat was a foundling, a barn cat, strictly an outdoor animal and usually in disfavor for besides tormenting small rodents he stalked summer birds and baby rabbits. He constantly attempted to slip indoors but with children and dogs and mice and spiders, who needs a cat? When Fred carried him in we pitched him under the tub pipes and slammed the little door. Eagerly we waited for our feline savior. Would he eat the mouse in there? Would he bring it out and toss it around on the grass for a while? After a respectable period we opened the door, first a crack, then full width. There lay the undisturbed mouse-body but the cat had disappeared! Time passed. We waited again; then we called, we coaxed, we demanded but no cat responded to our fervent, "Here Kitty's."



Black despair descended as we tried to figure out our next move when suddenly out walked the cat, tail high head high, holding proudly in his mouth the mummified casing of a tiny creature, mouse-centuries old. So we evicted the cat and his fossil and turned once more to our dilemma. Dejectedly! We pondered this solution, we considered that. We shelved one another's suggestions so rapidly that when Fred mentioned his fly casting rod I countered with, "Now you're getting silly."

"No, Mom, I'm serious."

"Your friends will have to stay away if they don't like it. There's no solution."

"You don't like it either. We could try."

"Go ahead. Try anything you want." But the slender steel rod was too short, so Fred attached a hook, let out a little line and began a sort of side-casting motion. He hooked small pieces of very old lath, a bit of Early American wasp nest, a considerable amount of nothing, then—the strike. Deftly he reeled in, over rubble, under pipes, a veritable Izaak Walton, until with a burst of velocity he sped his putrid catch down the stairs and outdoors.

So once again harmony returned to the household. The dining room, unscathed like the bathroom floor, came back into use. By and large the mice deserted us until the late Fall when they trooped indoors and scurried through the partitions. We set the traps again and caught them—and knew that winter was at hand.

FEEDBACK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Editor
Panorama
N. Main

Enjoyed Russ Thomas' nostalgia about the grand, old Delaware Water Gap hostelries [Panorama, March], especially his mention of the famed Kittatinny House. My mother, an innkeeper, who hoped that someday her four sons would be innkeepers, too, believed in taking us to the finest restaurants, even though the youngest of us was knee-high to a high-chair, and the rest not much higher. Enroute to the Poconos we once went to the Kittatinny House only to be stopped at the door by a forbidding gentleman who was very emphatic in saying, "Madam, we do not serve children!". Her reply is incidental now [it sure wasn't then!], but we were dutifully marched back to the car. Two days later, homeward-bound, we passed the Kittatinny House, again...or what was left of it: a pile of smoldering ashes. It was with some glee that we kids gawked at the ruins, but Mother soberly stepped on the gas, and it was not until a few miles down the road that she addressed us, fist in the air. "That", she said, "is what happens to restaurants that do not serve children, and don't any of you forget it!" Believe me, none of us ever did, even now, forty years later, when we happily bring out the high-chairs at Pipersville. Still scared!

Bob Brugger
Pipersville Inn

Dear Editor:

I think people like to lose themselves going back to the old days. Keep up the history.

How would a column be accepted pertaining to early Indian raids in upper Upper Bucks, now Northampton County, latter erected out of Bucks.

Thank you!
Mrs. Anna McCarthy
Bursonville, Pa.

EPISODES IN CAIRO - II



by Dr. Arthur E. Bye

It was always "Ahlan", (Welcome) at Said's Lotus Shop — Ahlan for everyone; therefore, I often dropped in there around five o'clock in the afternoon to chat with Said, his partner Ismail, his friends or some of the various tourists who came in, chiefly out of curiosity, but often to buy. I had a place on a camel saddle in a corner, where I would be out of the way, and where I could sip Egyptian coffee which was always on hand.

There were, of course, all kinds of tourists. At the time of which I write there were a number of young Danish soldiers on leave from service in the United Nations force in the Congo, surprisingly fair in contrast to the dark Egyptians, and handsome in their pale blue uniform; (these had money to spend) and there were German couples of huge size who never bought anything; Britishers, Australians, South Africans who purchased leather bags, scarfs and jewelry; but more numerous than any of the nationalities were Americans from every state in the Union who seemed to prefer typical Arabian articles like Hookahs and hanging lamps.

I wasn't always proud of my American compatriots, so many of them seemed to think, this being Egypt, a hot country, (so they had heard) they could dress in beach clothes or camping outfits of any kind of a circus costume they would never dare wear at home. Many of these were elderly women with more money than taste who were travelling alone.

One of these who came into the Lotus Shop several times was a woman who was obviously about 60 but tried to look 30 or less; she was a blonde with a question mark, carried an enormous bag, had too many rings on her fingers and too much nail-polish on her bare toes. She made Said and his assistant Ismail pull out everything they had to show her, and spent an hour demurring on what to choose, while at the same time telling them about her personal problems. She was from

Tacoma, Washington. Said and Ismail had learned super-human patience.

I had coffee free at Said's, because, on occasions I could put in a good word to help with a sale. This lady from Tacoma gave me an opportunity — she was considering a camel saddle, in fact the one I was sitting on, whether to have a red or a green cushion on it. She asked my advice. So I arose to say "It all depends upon what kind of a home you have — the color scheme of the room, doesn't it?"

"Oh" she confided, "I really don't have a home. I live with my sister. I could put anything in her house as far as style is concerned, but I've already bought a hookah, and a jeweled hanging lamp, and I am worried about getting too many Egyptian things. But I just love Arabs."

"Then you ought to buy a coffee tray with silver inlay" I suggested; "they are the finest things the Egyptians make as far as art is concerned." (and the most expensive, too).

"Oh, I adore art" she said. "I must think about it. And aren't the Arabs handsome? And do you know I have fallen in love with one."

"Do you mean, really?" I asked.

"Yes, really" and she came up close to me so as to whisper in my ear "It's mutual. He is in love with me, too."

"Well then" I queried, "Have you discussed marriage? Which wife are you going to be?"

"No, we haven't come to that yet for I'm worried about something else. I have lost my passport."

"Do you mean" I asked, "You can't marry him without a passport?"

"I mean I can't do anything without a passport. I can't even cash a traveler's check without a passport."

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the ROSICRUCIAN pyramids in Bucks County



In the year 1905, Dr. R. Swinburne Clymer built the pyramids in Bucks County near Quakertown that have caused much comment among tourists in the area. It is quite a startling experience to be driving along in the area of Weisel Park and suddenly to come upon three pyramids, surrounded by some of the most beautiful gardens in the county. It is a most magnificent spectacle to observe, and as one stands amid this silent beauty, it seems as if he has stepped into another age.

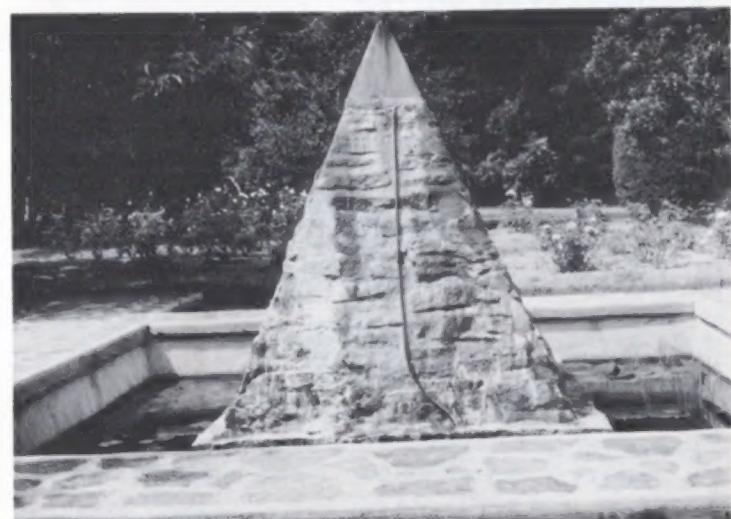
These gardens are beautifully landscaped and the public can wander through the rose and azalea beds and meditate amid the beautiful reflecting pools. The red and white rose plantings are in memory of members of the order who are deceased. As one meanders up the road, he can see buildings that seem to be of another age, and have an awesome air about them that seems to command respect.

In these buildings — one of them named Beverly Hall — are books from which it is said that some philosophers of the past drew their great knowledge. Such men as Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, Sir Isaac Newton, and countless other people, studied these writings. George Clymer, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, studied Rosicrucianism. The memorial gardens seem to call back the presence of these men. The books in these buildings carry what some men consider to be the wisdom of the ages, and this entire area invites meditation.

The first Rosicrucians came to America in the year 1694 under the leadership of Johann Kelpius, who was

one of the foremost exponents of Rosicrucianism in Europe. They came to find freedom — freedom to think as they pleased, to worship as they pleased, and to create.

To reach Dr. Clymer's estate, where the pyramids may be seen, drive north on Route 611 through Doylestown to Cross Keys. Turn left on Route 313 and follow it a short distance past Dublin. Turn right onto Old Bethlehem Pike and continue through the Village of Weisel to the Weisel General Store. Turn left at the store and continue until you reach the sign reading Weisel Park. Proceed along the dirt road for about a half mile until you reach the estate.





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APRIL, WHAT A MONTH !



If you get the urge, during April, to sing about showers, or look forward to flowers, or choose a mate, you will be taking part in a custom that is older than many people realize — and enjoying a month that is special in many ways.

Think a kind thought during April about Al Jolson; he's the singer who probably did more than any other to make the song, "April Showers," popular.

Choosing a mate? If so, you are in the company of Pocahontas and John Rolfe. They married 355 years ago on April 5, 1614.

For centuries, according to astrologers, April has been represented by two signs: Aries, the ram, and Taurus, the bull. People born under the April signs have long been recognized as energetic, impulsive, enthusiastic, positive and enterprising.

Ponce de Leon approached his fountain of youth — Florida — on April 8, 1513. Paul Revere began his ride on April 18, 1775. Mutiny broke out on the Bounty on April 28, 1789. Romulus founded Rome April 21, 753 B.C. And talk about people wanting to get away from it all, it was on April 6, 1909, after 23 years of trying, that Robert E. Peary reached the North Pole!

Don't be fooled by dates, Frenchmen would urge you. The whole idea of April Fool's Day is believed to have begun in France on April 1, 1564. That was the date on which a new calendar was put to use. This so confused the people that many were called *poisson d'Avril*, or "April Fish" — fish being the slang word for fool or dupe in France.

You can fool around a little in April with numbers, though not on your tax form. Most people probably think that April was always the fourth month of the year, and

the "30 days hath September" poem tells us that April — seemingly without exception — "hath" 30 days. Hath today, okay. But 'twas not always thus. To the ancient Romans, who called the month *Aprillis*, it was the second month of the year and it had only 29 days!

If you celebrate during the month of April, you will be in league with all kinds of other people who think that April is a time deserving special commemoration. For this is the month of National Artichoke Week, The Old Time Fiddlers' Convention, Harmony Week (to preserve Barbershop Quartets), the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, National Raisin Week, Secretaries Week — and even National Panic Week (seriously devoted to "putting humor into any situation which seems to create unnecessary panic")!

Not only the avoidance, but also the introduction of panic has a place in April. The "Perils of Pauline," an American classic, entered on the American scene dramatically in April, 1914. And a lady who never seemed to be in peril, the self-assured Eleanor Roosevelt, delighted the nation on April 3, 1933, by announcing that from then on, she would serve beer at the White House.

Storms of applause have greeted people born in April: Leonardo da Vinci, William Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, J.P. Morgan, Charles Chaplin, Machiavelli, U.S. Grant, Harry Houdini, Queen Elizabeth II, and Barbra Streisand!

A storm of protest was expressed on April 28, 1902, when a New York City newspaper waged a campaign against high beef prices: 24 cents a pound for sirloin!

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LOOKING BACK FORTY YEARS

April, 1929

. . . WITH THE bench and courtroom No. 1 banked with floral tributes and 400 citizens of the county of Bucks seated in the courtroom, the oath of office of an additional law judge of the Court of Common Pleas was administered to Judge Hiram Harpel Keller by President Judge William C. Ryan with the proclamation of Governor Fisher read by Prothonotary William Yardley. The new judgeship was created by a special act of the Legislature introduced by State Senator Clarence J. Buckman of Langhorne.

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. . . PHILADELPHIA's sensational kidnapping case was given local color on the morning of April 1, 1929 when this reporter learned that Curtis S. Devonshire who a week before abducted 12-year-old Alice Labutis, was a former resident of New Britain Township and a graduate of Newville High School in the western part of that township in 1916.

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. . . A WARM friendship that sprung up between Hazleton High and Doylestown High, 100 miles apart, was manifested when Coach Bill Wolfe and his entire Doylestown High basketball squad motored to Hazleton where they were the dinner guests of the citizens of Hazleton. Hazleton won the state championship that year and the citizens of that city presented their coach, Hughie McGheeghan and all his players with new EASTER outfits.

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. . . LOCAL BOXERS staged five interesting bouts in the Doylestown Armory, with Willie Houck officiating as referee and George F. Pawling, former AAU president representing the AAU. Sterling Anderson, of Memphis, who had been living in Edison, won his bout with Bill Rouse, a Doylestown lad. Joe Smith knocked out Lester Ott of Plumsteadville. The judges were Bill Lagorio and Sammy Reider and the announcer was Curtis Lyons.

...HYSTERICAL IN COURT: Becoming hysterical in Bucks County criminal court when her husband was sentenced to two months in the County Prison and fined \$200 and costs for possessing liquor at his farm home in Mozart, a mother and her five children had to be removed from the courtroom. Stanley Pruzinski, 47, pleaded guilty before Judge Keller. District Attorney Arthur M. Eastburn asked the defendant what he used the liquor for and the defendant replied: "I use to rub on sick wife. I have hard luck, lost farm in sheriff sale and now work in stone quarry and have big family. I never make whiskey again." The defendant denied that he had made the remark that he had a "pull in Doylestown."

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...WILLIAM F. FRETZ, prominent clothing manufacturer and president of the Bucks County Bankers Association was elected president of the Doylestown National Bank and Trust Company to succeed John N. Jacobs of Lansdale, who resigned after 48 years in the banking business, 18 spent in Doylestown.

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...REAL JUSTICE: Judge William C. Ryan sentenced a 27-year-old Philadelphia man to pay a fine of \$1,000 and costs and serve not less than 10 or more than 15 years in the Eastern State Penitentiary. He had been convicted of attacking the 21-year-old daughter of a Langhorne Manor constable, and throwing the young lady out of an automobile on her way home from Trenton where she was employed as a stenographer.

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...A NEW ADDITION to Salem Reformed Church of Doylestown, plus a new pipe organ and an auditorium seating 650 worshipers, was dedicated at a special Sunday service with a sermon by Dr. William F. Curtis, president of Cedar Crest College, Allentown. The church property was valued at \$150,000.

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...DISTRICT ATTORNEY Arthur M. Eastburn announced the appointment of Samuel B. Stilwell as assistant district attorney of Bucks County, approved by Judge William C. Ryan. Stilwell served overseas with the A.E.F. in France. . . Mrs. Horace M. Mann was elected president of the Doylestown Presbyterian Ladies Auxiliary with Mrs. Chrissie DuBois and Mrs. Clara Carwithen as vice presidents; Mrs. A. Newlin Hellyer, secretary; Mrs. J.H. Hoffman, assistant secretary; Mrs. Charles A. Leibig, treasurer and Mrs. Anna Armstrong, assistant treasurer.

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...AUTO OWNERS were notified that starting June 1, 1929, a four-cent gasoline tax would go into effect on each gallon purchased. . . Realtor J. Carroll Molloy announced the sale of historic "Inghamdale", the large mansion house on the Old York Road two miles from New Hope to Dr. M. C. DelManzo of the Teachers College of Columbia University. The property dated back to 1747.

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Contemporary Weddings

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HOW NOT TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WHILE REALLY TRYING

by Sheila Broderick

I was determined to join that wonderful world of the part-time working corps. Why? For the simple reasons that — (a) I was not as stupid as some people chose to think. (b) I needed extra funds — desperately! (c) The newspapers were full of messages from big people who needed the help of little people like me.

Full of vim and vigor I began seeking that particular job that I was sure I could find — the one where I would be able to work either half days or evenings while filling someone's desperate need.

Like so many other non-working gals, I felt I could tackle anything in exchange for some extra money and still have a few moments to keep caught up on my own cobwebs.

A friend suggested demonstrating — (please, don't ever listen to friends' suggestions!) Well, this one sent me off to an agency that she knew.

There, the charming soul in charge had me fill out a questionnaire. This was to be the first of the many harrowing inquisitions I was to experience.

No, I hadn't majored in home economics.

No, I couldn't paint.

No, I wasn't an expert with the sewing machine, microphone or camera.

No, I wasn't of any use in a garden — in fact — I was a total loss!

Still, this dear lady had obviously been told that there was some good in everyone, and determinedly set about helping me.

"People just don't think," she purred. "We nearly all have hidden gifts of some sort, and are far more capable than we think!" And she cheerfully assigned me to do "Tea Demonstrations" in one of the local stores. "Because," she said sweetly, "it's so simple, anyone could do it!"

Next day at the market, a representative from the tea company cheerfully explained my duties. I was supposed

to approach every customer who entered the store, and gaily offer them a sip of my delicious tea, while loudly singing the praises of my wonderful employer and his mouth-watering, fragrant, refreshing, almost soul-touching beverage.

With a great deal of ceremony I was installed — installed that is, in one of the draftiest entrances that the winds ever howled through.

I had the devil's own job trying to keep my little stove burning.

My feet were frozen.

And, it didn't take me long to discover that — at one word from me — customers skidded in the most frightened manner towards "imported foods" — or — disappeared suddenly behind "fresh eggs" and "cold cuts!"

Back came the representative. He explained that the big secret to selling in this particular market was in deciding whether the prospective buyer was a "Honey" or "Madam". Mine were "Honeys!"

Gradually I got the hang of this character reading, and did a little better.

The draft was so cold that I was chilled and shaking. Store employees mooched free tea at an alarming rate! I, myself, was soon tea-logged in a vain effort to get warm — this, before I realized I would only be allowed to leave my post but once in five hours.

The "Honeys" who did pause to try my delicious tea as they broke their necks coming in from the cold, would have tried anything offered as long as it had been free and hot!

It didn't take much argument with myself to convince me that demonstrating tea for ten dollars a week was not going to work. I hastily retired.

I was still game though, and after talking it over with a friend-of-a-friend it seemed that what I was really cut out for was something glamorous. So, I sent off an application (no agency for me this time!) to a cosmetic company

looking for reps. I was rewarded by an encouraging phone call from my future area manager — and guess what? I was exactly what they were looking for.

It was with the greatest anticipation that I watched the mail for what the lady had said would be the key to my future — the beautiful brochure —and my contract.

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As I handed over my twenty dollars for the sample kit, the area manager and I had a heart to heart chat on how I was to always look my very best. Even when pregnant. And, I was launched.

I was given 300 homes.

The words of my new manager rang clear — "Remember now, there are 300 lovely, friendly women behind those doors!"

It was unbearably exciting, just thinking of all those gals out there waiting for me — so, dressed smartly, make-up impeccable — I eagerly made my first call early the following Monday morning.

Door number one opened. "Good morning, I am your new Beauty Representative and I have a free gift for you if I could just step inside and help you make your selection of color and perfume" I machine gunned my spiel at her.

The door closed so quickly with a bang that I hardly got a good look at the scowling face saying, "NO!"

Very fast now, so that I wouldn't lose my nerve, I stormed on to the next front door at breakneck speed, and here I made contact. Smiling, the young woman said that she knew all about our product. "Oh lovely!" Then she went on to tell me that her mother was also one of our representatives!

I grabbed a quick cup of coffee and called my manager, discussing the possibility that perhaps I should be one of those lovely ladies behind the doors. I was deluged with good cheer.

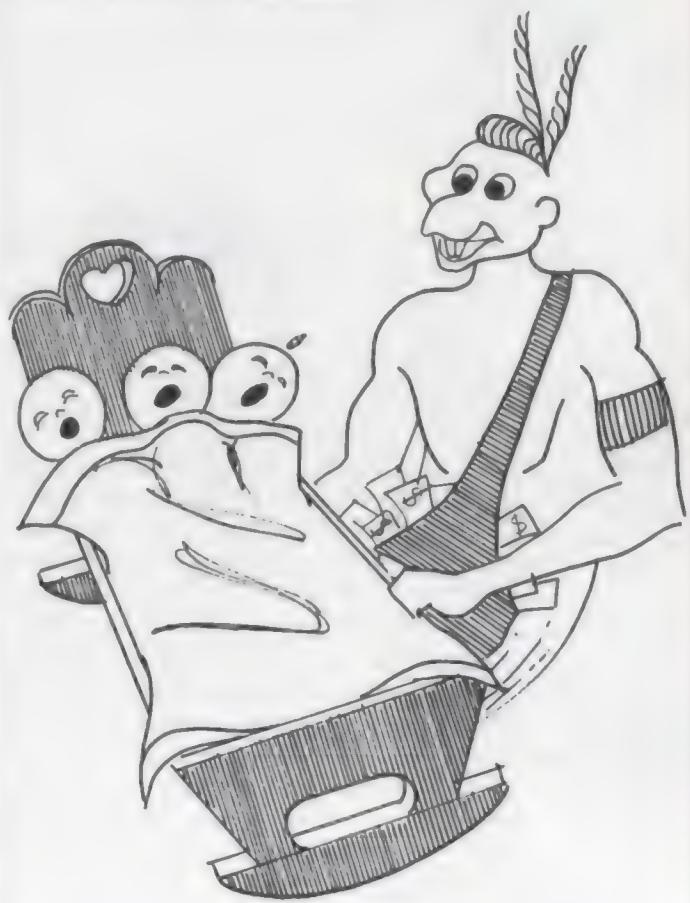
She herself had been a housewife for twelve years before she took up this wonderful work, and her first day was just as frightening. But she didn't stop, and after her second try, she had sailed gloriously on into a satisfying career.

So, the next day I was off again, and this time after finding three not-at-homes — was standing in someone's hall. Excited, I dropped my pen and order pad, spilled dozens of packets of sachets, bounced brochures in a cascade of color and ricocheted at least fifty tiny lipstick samples up and down the hallway. It was as though I had suddenly been electrified!

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Between Friends



by Sheila Martin

April — Spring is here at last! Just when you think you can't stand another minute of cold, wet, grey weather, just when you think you'll scream if you have to put on the boots for the little ones one more time, just when you have decided that life is pretty dreary — along come April and spring and pretty colors and warmer, sunnier days — and you've made it through the winter. (Hard to believe that in a couple of months you will probably be complaining about the hot, sticky summer weather but such is human nature.)



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Norman Leventhal of Warrington has been named chairman of the Bux-Mont United Jewish Appeal to mobilize community support for the appeal's third nationwide emergency fund drive. He is chairman of the Warrington Township Planning Commission, is on the Board of Directors of the Bucks County Big Brothers and of the Warrington Lions Club. Sounds like the UJA picked a real go-getter.

The spring season of the Bucks County Theatre Company is going along marvelously, we hear. In April theatre goers will have a chance to see *Death of a Salesman* on April 11, 12, 18, and 19; and *Glass Menagerie* on April 25, 26, and May 2 and 3 at the Bucks Co. Playhouse.



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We get a lot of informative press releases at *Panorama*, one source which sends out helpful and pertinent facts for us is Miss Frances Vannoy, Bucks County Extension Home Economist. She was honored recently for her 20 years of service with the Bucks County Cooperative Extension Service. It seems that Miss Vannoy has always wanted a gazebo, so she got one at the tea in her honor. The gazebo was a miniature but along with it came a gift of \$500 to build the real thing. Busy as she is, we hope she will find the time to sit in her gazebo and enjoy herself.

Ken Kent of Warminster is getting all over Bucks County these days in his job as director of the Haas Foundation Community Fund project for the Boy Scouts. New Scout units were organized recently at the Wood School in Langhorne for boys with learning disabilities; a new pack was formed for emotionally disturbed boys in War-

minster and a troop for the Spanish speaking boys of Bristol, with Mr. Israel Toledo as their Scoutmaster. Kent is visiting business and industrial men in the County to encourage them to sponsor an Explorer Program in their plant or business such as the new Explorer Post sponsored by Mr. John Busby, President of Optical Scanning Corp. in Newtown.

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The fascinating Mercer Museum in Doylestown is open to the public again after a two months period when it was closed for the winter. Visitors will see two new permanent exhibits — the Cooper's Shop and the Pottery. In addition to these, a special exhibit of the Museum Pewter collection is on display. The Museum is extremely popular for over 25,000 visitors representing almost every state and 26 foreign countries toured the museum last year. Too often we neglect the historical and other spots of interest in our own backyard in favor of traveling elsewhere to visit the points of interest there. Anyone who has not visited the Mercer Museum is really missing a great deal.

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The New Hope Historical Society is having a ball, called "A Night in Spain" on April 25 at Chez Odette in New Hope. It sounds very lovely and friends of the Society may call Mrs. J. Ladd Smith at 862-5389 for tickets. The various historical societies in our Bucks County towns do a marvelous job of preserving our heritage and collecting our history for future generations.

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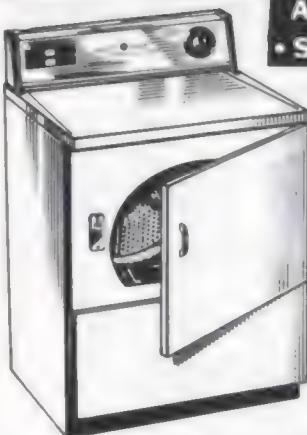


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. . . A \$5,000 FIRE at the Valentine D'Orgis studio near Center Bridge destroyed numerous valuable paintings, Italian panels, a drying kiln valued at \$500 and a large amount of glass for window staining — caused by an overheated oven.

. . . OUR STATE LEGISLATURE killed the following bills in 1929: Bill for compulsory auto insurance; bill that would license beauty parlors and barbershops; bill to consider modification of Sunday Laws of 1794; bill for abolition of capital punishment; bill that would add more roads to State Highway Department; bill to establish separate examining boards of chiropractors and to change all other healing arts legislation.

. . . PASSING OF THE Horse compelled Doylestown harness maker Harvey Gehman to decide to give up his trade and open an auto accessory store with up-to-date tire service and the finest car washery in Bucks County. . . Philadelphia Athletics manager Connie Mack told this Rambler that young Carroll Yerkes of Hatboro starting his first full season with the A's was the coolest left-hander he had seen break into the American League since Herb Pennock made his bow with the White Elephants in 1912.

SHE TOLD THEM: Addressing the Spring meeting of the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs in Doylestown Salem Reformed Church, Mrs. John S. Phillips of Pittsburg declared "I cannot understand women sitting down five days a week playing bridge when their children need their care and attention." The irate orator of the day called for recruits to help drive billboards and doggie stands out of Bucks County.

GORDON COOPER, editor of the New Hope News, was elected president of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery Counties at the 32nd annual dinner meeting at Valley Forge succeeding C. Q. Hillegass, publisher of Town & Country, Pennsburg.

. . . COACH MIKE Beshel's Doylestown High baseball team defeated Sellersville High, 10 to 7, coming from a 7 to 3 deficit. The Doylestown team included Quinn, 3b; A. Rufe, ss; Murray, cf; Kinney, lf; G. Rufe, 1b; Myers, p and rf; Neff, rf and p; Koons, c; James, 2b; Doylestown's regular starting pitcher, Jay Richar, was not in the game.

TIMELY TOPICS 1969: Congratulations to the management of the Doylestown Maennerchor Society on an excellent job serving an active and interested membership. . . Founded July 1, 1884, at the Clear Springs Hotel, Doylestown, the well known fraternal society is planning to celebrate its 85th Birthday in the not too distant future.



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. . . A \$7-Million Courthouse and Administration Building without a freight elevator and a mail chute can be found right here in Doylestown . . . The latest development is that things are getting too hot for employees working on the west side of the seven-story county administration building because of the heat passing through the 16-foot long by 10-foot high windows that blanket the west side, producing a hothouse life for people inside . . . Even the air conditioners go haywire because of the heat . . . so the County Commissioners plan to approve the purchase of 60 bronze screens costing about \$500 each to be installed outside the windows on tracks so they can be pulled aside for window cleaning.

. . . JUST 50 YEARS AGO: This reporter arrived in Chateau Thierry, France, aboard the AEF Press Special [April 15, 1919] carrying 75 newsmen and photographers making a specially conducted trip over the battlefields . . . On this trip we visited Bellau Woods, the St. Mihiel Salient, climbed Mt. Sec, visited the famous German Rest Camp at Bois de Nonsard, visited the Muse Argonne Sector, the Roumaine Cemetery, Verdun, then on to Coblenz, Germany and to Cologne for EASTER SUNDAY, 1919, before heading back to my headquarters in "The Stars & Stripes" office in Paris and the First Censor and Press Company, my outfit in World War I.



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- EASTER Washington Crossing — SUNRISE SERVICE — Bowman's Hill 7 a.m.
11,12 New Hope — Bucks County Theatre Co. at the Bucks Co. Playhouse, "Death of a Salesman", Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., Sat. Apr. 12th at 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Sat., Apr. 19th, 8:30 p.m. only. Tickets: Box 223, New Hope 18938, or call 215-862-2022. Rates for groups.
11,12 Chalfont — 5th Annual "Kouncil Kapers", musical revue entitled "Curtain Time", presented by Lenape Valley Recreation Council, 8:30 p.m., at Unami Junior High School, Moyer Rd.
12 Washington Crossing — Children's Nature Walk — Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Headquarters. 10 to 11:30 a.m.
12 Telford — Lockwood Galleries, 345 Church Rd. Films: "He is Risen," "Bible," and "Arthur Rubenstein in Concert". 8 p.m.
12,13,19 Erwinna — Stover Mill, River Rd. 2 to 5 p.m. Paintings in oil on gesso by Mary Arnold Mattern.
20,26,27 Washington Crossing — Adult Nature Hike, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Hdqrs. 2 to 3 p.m.
13 Newtown — George School, Walton Center, Rte. 413. Student recital by Laura Miller [cello] and Neil Stafford [baritone] — 2 p.m.
13,30 New Hope — "Lentenboden," Living catalog display of Early Daffodils and Tulips, River Road, Rte. 32, 10 to 6 p.m.
16 Langhorne — Tri-County Band of Feasterville annual concert, Neshaminy High School Auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$1, children free.
17 Levittown — Brunch and Fur Fashion Show sponsored by Valley Day School, Yardley. The Cullura, Newportville Rd. and Rt. 413. 10:30 a.m. Donation: \$5.25. Tickets: 493-5334.
18 Newtown — Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and Neshaminy Senior High School Concert Choir, Chorus and Glee Clubs. Bucks County Community College. 8:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$2.50, students \$1.00 in advance or at box office.
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by Joanne Rohr

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My little girl loved the Teddy Bear plant, a small, hanging basket type plant with a fuzzy leaf which actually feels like a cuddly teddy bear. Then there was the exquisite moth orchid (phaelonopsis). The flat bloom grows in a long spray, sometimes blooming for nine months of the year.

With great pride Mr. Shaddinger then showed me the most exquisite flower of them all — the Passion Flower. A most interesting description of this flower starts with the base where there are 2 rows of filaments, 72 in all, representing the crown of thorns. The two rows are the Old and the New Testaments. Up through the center, standing above the flower is the pillar of the cross. On top of this is an enlargement known as the sponge which wet the lips of Christ. Out of this are three sections — the three nails which caused Christ's wounds. The lovely 10 petals are alternately lavender and white and represent the 10 true Apostles. Underneath the bloom are three leaves known as the Trinity, also for the three days in the tomb. The vine itself has a leaf like the lance used to pierce Christ's side. The seed part represents the world which Christ came to save and the fragrance is the spices prepared by the holy women. Today, the petals of the Passion Flower are used in the making of perfume.

One story has it that the Passion Flower was discovered by Spanish monks in South America in the mountains; however, the flower is also found in Africa.

Mr. Shaddinger welcomes visitors and will gladly show women's garden clubs through. He told me, "When I sell a plant, I like to take the time to tell the person how I care for it because I love things that grow and I want them to live."

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Watson, fortunately had more hay than did most of his neighbors. The landlord of Bogart's, an ardent patriot and associated with both the Committee of Safety and Committee of Observation, needed hay and wanted to buy a stack from Watson offering continental currency in exchange. Watson refused stating that the hay was not for sale, but offered to share the stack in question with the landlord and his other neighbors when any of them actually ran out. The ardent patriot had Watson arrested for refusing to accept continental currency, a capital offense, and Watson was duly convicted and sentenced to hang and was awaiting execution in the county jail in Newtown. Fortunately, a large detachment of Washington's forces under the command of General William Alexander, commonly known as Lord Sterling, was garrisoned in the area. Watson escaped the gallows only through his wife's pleading of his case with Lord Sterling who although a patriot was not blind to malicious acts committed in the name of patriotism.

Another Quaker farmer from Centerville, Joseph Smith, was a noted resident of the Newtown jail at this time. Smith was so strong in his non-resistance that he refused to make any contribution to the war; either through military service, payment of assessments in lieu of military service, or payment of taxes to support the war effort. As a consequence he was sentenced to jail and, as far as can be determined, spent the remainder of the war in Newtown. In jail he whittled to pass the time away and on one of his whittling projects conceived the idea of a cast iron mould board for a plow and carved the original wooden model. While Smith will never win a place in history for his classic non-resistance, his prison activity has given him a certain status among the greats of agricultural engineering.

Newtown, as the county seat, was naturally the center of political activity. Loyalist sympathy in Newtown was strong and the county government itself was not sympathetic to the cause of independence. While the details of his specific activities are not known, the name of Samuel Biles of Southampton, Sheriff of Bucks, appears among the list of 78 Bucks Countians who were officially classified as traitors. The Loyalists had their last big governmental fling in October 1776 when a group of leaders elected a completely Loyalist slate of Delegates to the Assembly. When the news was spread abroad two companies of militia dispersed the Loyalist officials and the government of Bucks remained solidly Whig for the remainder of the war.

Gilbert Hicks, grandfather of Bucks County painter Edward Hicks, operated a saw and planing mill in Four Lanes End, presently Langhorne. At the time of the Declaration, Hicks who had become very wealthy was serving as Bucks County Judge. Judge Hicks had publicly condemned the injustices committed in the name of King George III, and was a believer in independence for the

American Colonies. However, he feared the military power of Britain and had urged postponement of a military confrontation until the colonies were better prepared. Judge Hicks, regardless of his public opinions, committed one near-fatal mistake. At the first opening of court following the Declaration, he read Howe's amnesty proclamation from the steps of the court house, and if that were not enough, proceeded to open the session of court in the name of the king. Poor Judge Hicks literally had to flee for his life — from Newtown to Four Lanes End where a servant had a fresh horse and a packed bag waiting, and then, via New York, to Digby, Nova Scotia.

The Doans were an old and respected Quaker family of Plumstead Township. Being good Quakers they were neutral which was a particularly difficult position to occupy amid the Baptists and Presbyterians. The older members of the family remained steadfast to their principles, but five Doan sons, not thoroughly imbued with the philosophy of their elders, sought to avenge the wrongs and insults to which the family had been subjected. While the degree of their loyalty to King and Country is not known, their hatred of the Bucks County patriot government was more than amply demonstrated.



Some time in 1781 the brothers left home and started their career in crime. From hideouts in caves and forests they swooped down on unsuspecting tax collectors and robbed them of their receipts. Modest success brought recruits, John Tomlinson of Wrightstown and Jesse and Solomon Vickers. Their career reached a climax on October 22, 1781, in a daring and successful raid on the county treasury in Newtown. From Tomlinson's house the band dispersed and descended on Newtown and the treasury from different directions. In a well-coordinated assault they seized approximately 2000 pounds and fled, again in different directions. They met again at Wrightstown School where the booty was divided. They had little opportunity to enjoy their prosperity. The Vickers brothers and Tomlinson were captured almost immediately and were hanged. Two of the Doans were later captured and hanged in Philadelphia. A third was captured, but escaped and fled to Canada where the remaining two had apparently gone immediately following the division of the loot.

Bucks County's most prominent Loyalist was one of the

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great men in the history of both Pennsylvania and Colonial America. It has been said that this man rendered the British more valuable service than any other Loyalist. This "greatest Tory of them all" was Joseph Galloway of Bensalem Township. Born in West River, Maryland, Galloway came to Pennsylvania at an early age. While still a young man he earned great distinction in the law, being particularly skilled in matters relating to real estate. In 1753 he married Grace Growden, the daughter of Laurence Growden. Upon Lawrence Growden's death without a son, Galloway became owner of the vast Growden properties, including the land occupied by the famous Durham Furnace, and lord of the manor of Trevose, the Growden family seat in Bensalem Township.

As is frequently the case with young attorneys, Galloway became interested in politics. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1757 and from 1766 to 1776 was speaker of that body, usually being elected by unanimous vote. In the Assembly he was the ally and political heir of Benjamin Franklin and they shared leadership of the provincial party called the Old Ticket. In 1764, with Franklin as speaker, Galloway was floor leader of an unsuccessful fight to petition the King to abolish the proprietary rights of the Penn family and reestablish Pennsylvania as a Royal colony. Altruism, charity, and the spirit of the Holy Experiment, according to Franklin

and his followers, had departed the Penn family with the first proprietor, William, and the current proprietor, William's grandson John, was principally interested in his annual income from the province. Since the Penn family was still well thought of, and the Assembly was dominated by Quakers, the move was doomed to failure. The Old Ticket, which was national, radical, and royalist in outlook, even considered revolt against the Penn government, but failed to find popular support. The partnership of the two friends extended beyond politics into joint business ventures and Franklin named Galloway his executor.

As one of Pennsylvania's most prominent politicians, it is to be expected that he was elected a delegate to the First Continental Congress in 1774. At the Congress Galloway presented a petition, said to be partially written by Franklin, opposing the idea of independence. As an alternative Galloway offered a plan of union with Great Britain. The plan called for a written constitution for the colonies and an imperial legislature independent of the Parliament. Franklin, while opposed to the idea of complete independence, felt that Galloway's plan of union would too deeply involve the colonies in the corruption at court and that there would be "more mischief than benefit from closer union." Galloway's plan failed to pass by only a few votes, but the ideas that it expressed were to be remembered in later chapters of the history of the British Commonwealth. Perhaps exhibiting extra-sensory perception, Galloway declined the honor of representing Pennsylvania in the Second Continental Congress scheduled to commence in May 1775. With the firing of the "shot heard round the world" on April 19, Joseph Galloway retired to Trevose and withdrew from politics.

The signing of the Declaration of Independence brought some heartache to Franklin. Not only did he lose the political comradeship of his son William, Royal Governor of New Jersey, but his friend Galloway also remained loyal to the King. Their personal friendship still flowered, however, and when Franklin was appointed Commissioner to France he packed all of his papers, including the only draft of the *Autobiography*, in a trunk and left them for safekeeping at Trevose with his friend Galloway. With the Declaration, Galloway found his position worsening with every day. He was no neutralist or secret sympathizer; his views were a matter of public record. The details during this period are sparse, but in late '76 or early '77, Galloway fled Bucks County and went to New York to serve his King.

In New York Galloway served as Secretary to the Commander in Chief of the British Army, General Sir William Howe, and when Howe occupied Philadelphia after defeating Washington at Brandywine, Galloway joined Howe with the title of General Superintendent. His nominal duties consisted of serving as police chief and supervisor of exports and imports. His more interesting duties, however, were more directly connected with the conduct

of the war against his former neighbors. It was Galloway, for instance, who solidified the Loyalist sympathies of farmers in lower Bucks by offering hard money for their produce. In this he displayed an understanding of strategic warfare by hastening the devaluation of the already unsteady continental currency. He also maintained a register of Loyalist refugees and deserters. Loyalist propaganda among Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge during the hard winter of 1777-1778 netted Howe, according to Galloway's register, 2500 deserters from the Continental Army. Howe, fortunately for the United States, was too indolent and dim-witted to make efficient use of these willing recruits.

Galloway's greatest success was in the establishment of an efficient espionage network throughout the countryside surrounding Philadelphia. Poor Lacey and his gallant band of militia suffered the frustrating experience of having the enemy know their every movement. Galloway was thus able to direct foraging raids into the safest part of the County. These raids were generally spearheaded by the Queen's Rangers with their local elements led by Thomas and Hovenden. Bristol and Newtown, being the centers of population and commerce, were frequent targets. A strategic victory of sorts was won on February 10, 1778 when in addition to killing 9 and wounding 30, Thomas and Hovenden, on what was perhaps Hovenden's last visit to his home town, seized 2000 yards of woolen cloth badly needed by Washington's freezing troops at Valley Forge. The Queen's Rangers reached their peak of brazenness on that morning in May 1778 when, due to excellent intelligence and sleeping or absent sentries, they swooped down on the heart of Lacey's camp and triggered off the hasty retreat that has become known as the Battle of Crooked Billet. While Lacey's men were not lacking in valor, the complete surprise of the attack did not permit any organized resistance, and before contact had been broken, the patriots had suffered 29 casualties.

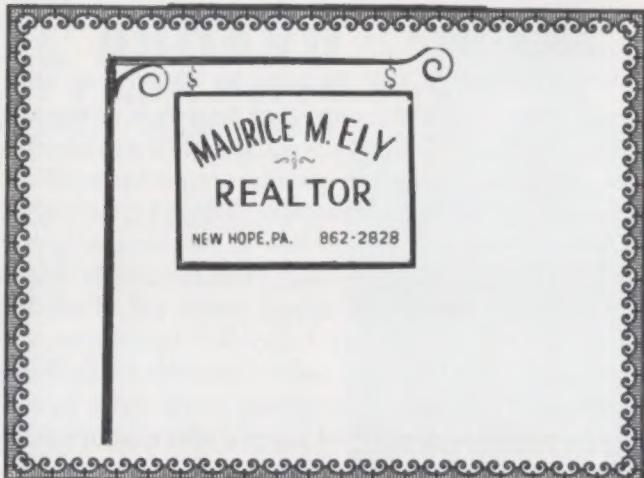
In the summer of 1778 Howe was relieved by General Sir Henry Clinton and Galloway continued in his position becoming one of the great critics of Howe's conduct of the war. In the general British evacuation later in the year, Galloway moved to New York and shortly thereafter sailed for England. His incisive criticism of Howe had struck a receptive ear, and early in 1779 Galloway was examined at length by Parliament concerning Howe's conduct of the war. The criticism was directed at Howe's well known preference for social life over military engagement and his failure to capitalize on the opportunities offered him by Galloway. After all, how could a mere colonial, Galloway, have a knowledge of military affairs superior to that of one of the most prominent and honored generals in His Majesty's Army? Every Independence Day the United States should offer special thanks to General Sir William Howe! Portions of Galloway's testimony were published in the Loyalist newspaper, *Rivington's Gazette*, in New York, but the testimony was so damaging

to the British cause that large parts of it were suppressed and other parts were published only in watered down versions.

When Galloway left Trevose for New York he, like many other Loyalists, expected to return triumphant. Grace Crowden Galloway remained at Trevose faithfully keeping watch over the papers of her husband's best friend, Commissioner Franklin. Galloway, as might be expected, was one of the first to be declared a traitor and his properties, including Trevose and the Durham Furnace property, were seized under bill of attainder. Grace Crowden Galloway's Loyalist sympathies, if she had any, were a well kept secret because her granddaughter regained title to the properties on the basis that they had become the property of Joseph Galloway only through his marriage to Grace Crowden.

Local historians frequently assign to the Doans the reputation of being Bucks County's most notorious Tories. While their local exploits were cast in a style destined to capture the public fancy with an almost Robin Hood quality, they were rather late participants, not becoming active until after the surrender at Yorktown. Even so, robbing tax collectors and raiding county treasuries is not the stuff that alters the course of events. Compared to the genuine article, the Thomases, Hovendens, and especially the Galloways, the Doans proved to be but a temporary irritant in the life of the county. With respect to the "greatest Tory of them all," Joseph Galloway, it is one of the unfortunate accidents of history that the valuable services of Bucks County's greatest participant in the Revolutionary War were performed for the wrong cause.

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"To be sure" I informed her, "that's easy, for there is but one thing for you to do. Go around to the United States Embassy and apply for another."

"Do I have to go to all that trouble? It will take a long time I suppose, and, I need some Egyptian money."

Of course Said was there listening to all this conversation, which, by the way, was drifting into the exact direction he wanted. So he interrupted.

"You don't need Egyptian money here, madam, I will cash all the checks you want without a passport. And, madam," he whispered, looking to the right and then to the left to make it appear this was very secret, "I will give you 20% better exchange than the banks. If, for example, you buy that four pound (Egyptian pound) or \$10.00 camel saddle with ten dollar American Express check, I will give you \$2.00 back in change. Or" — as the lady seemed no to comprehend, "I will cash your \$100.00 at \$2.55 to the Egyptian pound instead of \$2.42. Or, in other words, if your hotel bill is 2,500 piastres, that is \$60.00 a week, you will only miss \$48.00, saving yourself 20% as I said before, by cashing your checks with me."

The lady from Tacoma looked at me in bewilderment.

"Yes" I assured her, "It's O.K. Said has cashed all my checks. It's really not mysterious."

She thought that over. After awhile she said, "I suppose that would help solve one problem."

"And then," I interrupted, "If you marry an Arab, you will become an Egyptian citizen, and you won't need a passport — perhaps?"

"Oh yes I would" she explained, "Because my friend wants to go to America, and he has to have a passport, and he can't get one unless he marries me, so I have to have a passport, don't I?"

"Then" I agreed "all things considered, I think you had better go over to the United States Embassy. It's not far — just off Tahrir Square."

I never learned how this romance ended, but I hope the handsome Arab gentleman got to America some way.

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You know, I still might have made it — only at that precise moment the customer's two small children vanished into my sample case.

Completely rattled, all I could do was stare nervously around me. Obviously, she thought I was out to case the joint for future felonious plans. Excusing herself, I heard her on the phone to a sergeant somebody . . .

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